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In re Application of John R. Gustafson Application No. 09/846,054 Filed: April 30, 2001 Attorney Docket No. K35A0459

: DECISION GRANTING : PETITION

This is a decision on the paper filed September 17, 2001, which is being treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of April 30, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of May 1, 2001.

Petitioners allege that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on April 30, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL763518484US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing a "date in" of April 30, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. The application will be accorded a filing date of April 30, 2001.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing with a filing date of April 30, 2001, and issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Karen Creasy at (703) 305-8859.

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